

Shrewsbury High School

Focus on Guidance

Guidance Newsletter

JUNE 2003

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Shrewsbury Public Schools will conduct summer school beginning Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 1, provided there are sufficient student registrations. This year summer school will be held at Shrewsbury High School. Make-up middle school and high school subjects will be offered. Tuition for Shrewsbury residents is \$ 175 per course and must be paid in full at the time of registration. Counselors will be available to review student failures during the week of June 30-July 2. They will make every effort to contact those students who should seriously consider attending summer school. In addition report cards should be mailed no later than July 1. If, upon receipt of the report card, you see that your son or daughter needs to take a make-up course in summer school and has not already been contacted by a guidance counselor to do so, plan on registering prior to the opening date-**July 7**. The preferred registration deadline is June 27th and, if at all possible, students should register by that date. **In addition, there are several enrichment courses that will be offered throughout the summer. Please see the list that is enclosed in this newsletter.**

SAT PREP SUMMER SCHEDULES

This summer, two SAT Prep courses will be offered with each one designed for a different grade level.

- **Seniors (Class of 2004)** Often students prefer to take a SAT Prep Course during the summer because of their heavy schedules during the school year. An SAT Prep Course will be offered with an accelerated time frame and is designed for incoming seniors whose busy fall schedules will not allow them to take advantage of the SAT Prep Course which begins in early September. This particular course starts with a SAT practice test on Saturday, July 26. A second practice test will be administered on Saturday, August 23. The course fee is \$ 225 for SHS students.
- **Juniors (Class of 2005)** Parents of incoming juniors have expressed an interest in preparing for the PSAT offered in October of the junior year. This summer a special program for incoming juniors will provide five classes beginning on Wednesday, July 30, with additional Wednesday meetings through August 27, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. A practice test will be given on Saturday, July 26, 9:00-noon. The course fee is \$ 275 for SHS students. Part II of the Junior SAT Prep course will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Anne Steele is the coordinator of both programs and can be reached at 508-841-8811, if you have further questions.

United Way of Central Massachusetts

Teen Volunteer Opportunities – Summer 2003

Choose to get involved! There are many organizations that would like to have your help this summer. You can work with children or adults, you can help in offices, food-pantries, parks and programs...you can use your childcare, sports or organizational skills!

DO YOU WANT TO...

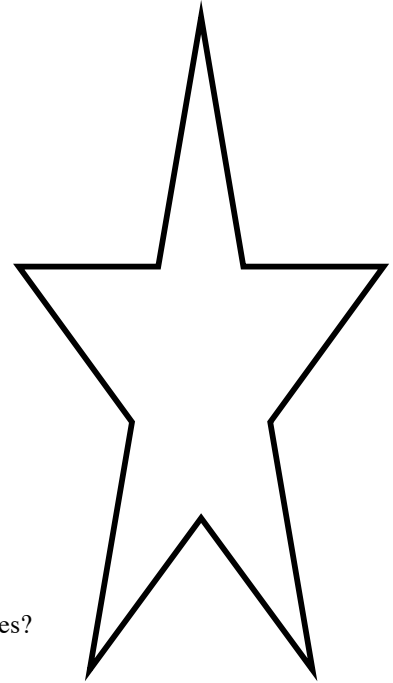
- help others
- make a difference
- develop new talents and skills
- gain work experience
- list on job or college applications
- meet new friends
- learn about the community

WHERE DO I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!

- What age and type of people do you want to work with?
- What interests, skills, hobbies, or issues do you want to work on?
- What type of environment do you want to work in?
- Do you have access to a car, taxi or bus route

WHEN CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

- How many hours a week can you volunteer with all your other needs and responsibilities?
- During the week – which day or on weekends?
- What time of the day?



HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

First, decide what you want to do and which agency you want to work with.

Then, schedule an interview appointment.

If your needs and the agency's needs match, agree on a start date.

If your needs don't match the agency's, pick another agency.

Once you make the commitment to volunteer, follow through.

Students can also call the Volunteer Center at 508-757-5631.

The **United Way Volunteer Center** is pleased to introduce you to an exciting new tool that puts volunteer opportunities right at your fingertips through an online database. It is available at www.unitedwaycm.org and is the best way to instantly connect to local opportunities. It's simple to use, quick and free! **Getting started is easy.**

- Click "volunteering" on the menu bar at www.unitedwaycm.org.
- Click the link to "click here to volunteer".
- Your search beings.

SAT I & SAT II PROGRAM

Dates for the SAT I and SAT II that are offered next year are listed below. Shrewsbury High School will be a test center for the October, November and May test dates. **Seniors should plan on taking the SAT I in either October or November.** Students whose prospective colleges require SAT II exams should plan on using one of the fall dates for those exams.

TEST DATE	TEST OFFERED	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 11	SAT I & II	09/09/03
NOVEMBER 1	SAT I & II	09/26/03
DECEMBER 6	SAT I & II	10/30/03
JANUARY 24	SAT I & II	12/22/03
MARCH 27	SAT I ONLY	02/20/04
MAY 1	SAT I & II	03/25/04
JUNE 5	SAT I & II	04/29/04

PSAT

The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) will be administered at Shrewsbury High School on October 18, 2003. College-bound juniors and those sophomores taking Honors level English and Geometry should plan to take the PSAT as a practice test for SAT's later in the junior year. Counselors will distribute more detailed information in the fall.

Ms. Floyd & Miss Zona's college visits to CT & ME gave them the opportunity to gather first hand impressions and helpful tips to pass on to their students planning to attend post secondary colleges. The range of college programs offers students a wide variety of options. Please feel free to contact Ms. Floyd & Miss Zona for further details regarding their experience.

COLLEGE VISITS

Incoming seniors who plan to attend college should take advantage of available time during the summer months to make visits. Contact prospective colleges to learn when tours and information sessions are offered. If you schedule an interview, prepare in advance by reading the materials that the college has sent to your home or by visiting their website. By making your visits and participating in tours and interviews you are making a statement of interest to your prospective college admissions officers. **Good Luck!**

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DATES TO BE REMEMBERED DURING THE FALL SEMESTER

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| • Nuts & Bolts Night for Seniors | September 25, 2003 | 7:00 p.m. |
| • SAT I & II | October 11, 2003 | 7:45 a.m. |
| • PSAT | October 18, 2003 | 7:45 a.m. |

- SAT I & II

November 1, 2003

7:45 a.m.

- Financial Aid Evening

December 4, 2003

7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION NEXT YEAR'S JUNIORS

Next year will be a very important time for Juniors! PSAT's, SAT I/II's and college planning are all things that you need to discuss with your Guidance Counselor. Plan on making an appointment with him/her by the third or fourth week in September!

The members of the Guidance Department hope that you have a safe, restful, and rewarding summer!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2003

Over the past month, members of the Class of 2003 have been honored with scholarships and awards at various evenings – Academic Awards Night, Sports Night, and Music Awards Evening. The entire class was celebrated at both Commemoration and Graduation.

OUR WISH FOR THE CLASS OF 2003 IS THAT THE FUTURE BRINGS YOU SUCCESS, MANY SPECIAL JOYS AND DREAMS COME TRUE!

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